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Statistics were lately published from the Government of India showing the death rate in the provinces where cholera was prevalent during the year 1897. The return was as follows:—The death rate was 1.39. The strength of the Indian army in the provinces where cholera was prevalent was 1,39,000. The return was as follows:—The death rate was 1.39. The strength of the Indian army in the provinces where cholera was prevalent was 1,39,000.

Prevent Shipping Disasters.

Union House, a shipowner, in writing to the Editor of the Daily Press, says:—It may be safely affirmed that many lives have been saved by the adoption of the system of shipping disasters. The system is simple and easy to understand. It is the duty of every shipowner to adopt it.

Miscellaneous.

Work on boat of 4000 horse power, which is being built at the shipyard of the Union House, is progressing rapidly. The ship is expected to be launched in the near future. The ship is to be built for the service of the Indian Navy.

Notices of Firms.

**M. C. PHILIP** has been admitted a partner in the firm of **PHILIP & CO.** at 227, Hongkong, 12th December, 1898.

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